

Docket No. 02-6

Oct 1, 2003

Request for Waiver

Berrien Co. School District, Entity 127493

The waiver request applies to the following FRNs: 837175, 837237

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SLD Decision on August 6, 2003 states a reduction in funding commitment for year 5 (7/1/2002-6/30/2003) due to a late filing of 486 form, which was filed 7/16/2003. As a result, service start date became 3/16/2003, which in turned resulted in a reduction in funding commitment. FRN 837175 was reduced from \$24,024 to \$8,008.00, and FRN 837237 was reduced from \$10,977.12 to \$3,659.04. We petition the SLD to waive the 120-day 486 filing deadline for the following reasons:

- 1) Change of contact person. My predecessor filed the 470 and 471 paperwork for this district in year 5. Upon taking the on the responsibility of managing E-Rate paperwork, I examined our year 5 file to make sure the relevant forms had been filed, (470, 471, and 486) and all were on file. However, it turns out that the 486 form was incorrectly filed, and it was actually the year 4 486 form filed in our year 5 folder. For this reason, the 486 form was not filed at that time.
- 2) Service provider could not contact me. I have attached a copy of the email from our service provider, Alltel Communications, that states that could not contact me to let me know of the situation. They attempted to send email to my predecessor, which was no longer an active address, and also tried to send to me but made a typo when they entered my email address. I was never contacted, however I was able to put the pieces together when our July phone bill came in and saw the listed Y5 ERATE Adjustment.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Berrien Co. Board of Education
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From: <Warren.Dent@alltel.com>
To: <mboyette@berrien.k12.ga.us>
Date: 7/15/03 8:07AM
Subject: FW: Berrien County School Systems

Matt,

Please read below and contact cindy brenning@alltel.com with any questions.

Thanks,

Brad Dent
Account Executive
800-869-9761

> -----Original Message-----

> From: Brenning, Cindy
> Sent: Monday, July 14, 2003 5:14 PM
> To: Dent, Warren
> Cc: Dillon, Angie, Venet, Ernie
> Subject: FW: Berrien County School Systems
> Importance: High

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> fyi---e-mail was returned as undeliverable to mboyett@berrien.k12.ga.us.

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> -----Original Message-----

> From: CORP E-RATE
> Sent: Monday, July 14, 2003 4:08 PM
> To: Dent, Warren
> Cc: Dillon, Angie, Venet, Ernie; 'mboyett@berrien.k12.ga.us'; 'jharrell@berrien.k12.ga.us'
> Subject: RE: Berrien County School Systems
> Importance: High

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> Thank you for the e-rate inquiry. On June 2, 2003, we sent an e-mail to Jeff Harrell at Berrien County advising that we were charging back \$14,551.11 worth of e-rate discounts involving eight different accounts. Jeff is listed as the e-rate contact for Berrien schools. ALLTEL had to reverse the discounts because the SLD had no Form 486 on file from the school and ALLTEL would not be reimbursed for these discounts

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> I recommend that someone at Berrien file the Form 486 TODAY and send it return receipt to the SLD. Make sure they keep the green receipt from the Post Office. The SLD will back up and honor the 486 120 days from the date of post mark. Of course, the 14 days in July will be deducted from the 120 since they are in a new funding year. But at least filing it today would get the school about 3 1/2 months worth of discount. A Form 486 was sent with the funding commitment letter or a copy is available from their SLD web site at <http://www.sl.universalservice.org/form/default.asp#applicants>. If Berrien has already sent the 486 and has proof of receipt, I recommend they file an appeal as per the following site: <http://www.sl.universalservice.org/reference/appealsprocedure.asp>. As soon as we receive a 486 notification from the SLD, we will apply whatever amount has been approved

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> Lastly, I recommend the school file their Form 486 for the current funding year (July, 2003 through June,

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2004) as soon as they receive their funding commitment letter. To date, ALLTEL has not received their funding commitments yet

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> If you or the school have additional questions, please contact me.

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> Cindy Brenning

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> -----Original Message-----

> From: Dent, Warren

> Sent Monday, July 14, 2003 10:23 AM

> To: Brenning, Cindy

> Cc: Dillon, Angie; Venet, Ernie

> Subject: Berrien County School Systems

> Importance: High

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> Cindy,

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> Matt Boyett (mboyett@berrien.k12.ga.us) called and questioned me about the E-Rate Adjustments to their 5 billing numbers

> 229-686-2081, 7428, 2939, 2021 & 7438. I told him I'd have to get with you for an explanation. Why is there a total of \$ 20,782.96 spread among their 5 billing numbers listed as E-RATE SCHL/LBRY ADJUSTMENT FY5?

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> Is this adjustment something that's going to hit all of our school system bills, that have recieved E-Rate funding in the past?

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> Please let me know, or contact Matt Boyett at mboyett@berrien.k12.ga.us, or call him at 229-686-2081, and let him know what this billing is for.

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> Thanks,

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> Brad Dent

> Account Executive

> 912-384-6161

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CC: <Cindy.Brenning@alltel.com>